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SUBJECT: TORTURE OF ARAB PRISONERS IN JERUSALEM AND THE
WEST BANK
REF: JERUSALEM 1500

1. DEPARTMENT IS CONCERNED ABOUT ISSUES RAISED BY REFTEL.
OUR COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS DICTATES THAT WE GIVE SERIOUS
CONSIDERATION TO WHAT WE MIGHT DO TO MITIGATE PRACTICES
DESCRIBED IN REFTEL, SHOULD ACCOUNTS OF VISA APPLICANTS
BE BORNE OUT BY FURTHER INVESTIGATION AS INDICATIVE OF
CURRENT PRACTICES. IN THIS RESPECT, WE NOTE DATES OF
ALLEGED MISTREATMENT APPEAR TO PREDATE OUR SENIOR-LEVEL
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DISCUSSIONS WITH GOI AND ICRC-GOI EXCHANGES OF LAST YEAR.

2. SUGGEST THAT CONSUL GENERAL HAVE FRANK DISCUSSION
WITH JERUSALEM ICRC REP CONCERNING CHARGES ENUMERATED IN
REFTEL. DEPARTMENT NOTES THAT ICRC REPS IN PAST HAVE
OPINED THAT ARABS ARRESTED ON SECURITY CHARGES WHO HAVE
RENDERED CONFESSIONS ROUTINELY ATTRIBUTE CONFESSIONS TO

USE OF DURESS BY ISRAELI INTERROGATORS, TO VITIATE
POSSIBLE CRITICISM OR ACCUSATIONS OF COLLABORATION. WHILE
NO SUCH PAT EXPLANATION CAN FULLY ACCOUNT FOR RANGE OF
STORIES TOLD TO VISA OFFICER JOHNSON, WE BELIEVE THIS

FACTOR SHOULD BE WEIGHED IN EVALUATING THESE REPORTS.

3. CONSUL GENERAL SHOULD SEEK TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER
RECENTLY CONCLUDED AGREEMENT BETWEEN ICRC AND GOI ON ACCESS
TO SECURITY DETAINEES MIGHT HAVE RESULTED IN GENERAL
IMPROVEMENT OF TREATMENT OF THESE PRISONERS. WE WOULD
ALSO APPRECIATE MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON HOW THIS
AGREEMENT HAS WORKED IN PRACTICE. DO ICRC REPS SEE
DETAINEES ONLY ON 14TH DAY, OR DO VISITS TAKE PLACE
EARLIER?

4. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR FURTHER COMMENTS ASAP. CHRISTOPHER

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